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A HOME OF OUR OWN!

The campaign emphasis during the past month has been on securing negotiating rights with the Redevelopment Agency for our obtaining the Bush Street synagogue. At press time, we have learned, too, that the Sokoji Temple is obtaining funding to complete their new building, and will vacate the historic structure which we hope will be "our new home."

The negotiations will include the issues of an assessed purchase price, dates of partial and full occupancy, renovation and rehabilitation requirements and financing strategies.

The campaign cabinet, chaired by Walt Leiss, is currently developing strategies for expansion of the campaign into the general Jewish, gay and lesbian and historic preservation communities.

Walt Leiss is pleased to announce that Mark Feldman, the usual (and quite stylistic) writer of this column, has been named as community campaign coordinator. Mark's well-known energy, enthusiasm and resourcefulness will be great assets to our campaign. He will call on all congregation members to participate in this next stage of our campaign to put us over the top!

Long Range Planning Committee Forms

Who are we? What do we want to be? What is our image in the lesbian and gay community? What are the human and Jewish needs of the members of that community and the members of our own congregation? What actions can be taken to respond to those needs now and two, three or five years down the road?

These are some of the questions confronting the Long Range Planning Committee, an ad hoc committee being set up to analyze, identify and recommend responses to the needs and concerns of the congregation. As we continue to rapidly grow and become diversified, the great opportunity we have to impact upon the lives of our members, as well as those not yet aware of what we can offer, becomes more and more apparent. The potential we have to be many things to many people can only be realized if we begin to plan ahead on a long range basis.

If these questions interest you and if you would like to be a part of the planning process, then call me at 929-8479. We need your help.

—Bruce Katz

Women's Havurah Forms

As this issue of the *Forward* goes to press, reservation forms are piling in for the Women's Havurah February 21 dinner/discussion on "What it means to be a Jewish lesbian."

In January, a mailing of flyers brought 35 of our 54 women members together for a planning session for meaningful programs of interest to us. Suggestions ranged from ideas to enhance the participation of women in ritual, to discussion topics such as "Women in the Bible" and "Jews by Choice," to social and recreational activities, to "Feeding Your Lover Jewishly," and much more. In less than an hour of small group discussion, we had five years' worth of program ideas, and a commitment to at least once-a-month activities in educational, recreational and mutual-support areas.

As the Women's Havurah program grows, our outreach will expand to women outside the congregation who share our interests and concerns. Call the synagogue office, 621-2871, for more information.

Purim Celebration

The Third Annual Congregation Sha'ar Zahav Purim Service and Party, complete with Hamentaschen Bake-Off and Costume Contest, takes place on Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 6 at the Jewish Community Center. There will be a short evening service and megillah reading, and prizes will be awarded for the most delectable hamentaschen and the best costume. Come, and enjoy!

Outreach

We are pleased to announce that on Friday, March 12, Rabbi Allen B. Bennett and our North Bay members and friends will have a Shabat service and Oneg at Walt Leiss's Monte Rio home on the Russian River. Local needs will be assessed and interests determined, to find out how our congregation can serve the North Bay. We are expecting this to be a fun and warming event. For directions, call Dan Serbins at 707-575-9311 or Shelley Abts Fernandez at 415-383-6794.

Similarly, on Friday, March 19, Rabbi Bennett and our members and friends in the Sacramento area will have a Shabbat service and Oneg at Temple B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For further information, contact Steven Klein at 916-673-7215.

President's Column

In the cycle of the Jewish calendar year, ADAR is greeted with joyous anticipation because of the uninhibited celebrations of PURIM. The Festival of Lots or PURIM is celebrated not just with religious ceremonies, but with merriment and mischief, abandon and imbibing.

Sadly, though, it is too often seen today as a children's holiday. Rare are the non-observant Jews who recognize the opportunities for a spring masquerade and carnival in the traditions of our people. The story of Purim, written in the Book of Esther is not necessarily a true story of historical events, but rather a historical novella of fantasy and poetry; celebrating a deliverance of our people in ancient times. What could be a better opportunity for us as a community of gay and lesbian Jews, especially in a climate where it really is spring?

The reality is that we masquerade when we join with our Christian neighbors and celebrate Halloween, a Christian holiday of probable equal heathen origins. This night and day, particularly in San Francisco has become a festival of the gay and lesbian community. While I do not recommend that we ignore the environment in which we live, I believe we must not forget our own traditions, customs and ceremonies. Here is an opportunity to show that Judaism can and does include fun and frolic.

Our congregation is particularly suited to sponsoring a revival of the celebration of Purim as a carnival festival of merriment for adults. Whether our costumed Purim Balls would become the societal rage of San Francisco (as they were in New York in the late 19th century), I am unsure, but we can try. This year we celebrate with fun, surprises and the Hamantaschen Bake-Off at the SFJCC on Monday evening, March 8. Join us to grogger out Haman's name and abandon yourself to fun.

—Paul J. Cohen

Public Relations Committee

On February 8, the bustling and new Public Relations Committee held its second meeting. It was a very successful meeting and we all participated in setting goals and taking assignments. Participants ranged from novices to pros, and everyone learned a great deal from each other.

We are searching for a person who would be interested in organizing and maintaining the synagogue archives. The only requirements for this volunteer position is a sense of organization and love of our congregation. The time commitment will be minimal. If you would like to perform this needed service, or want to find out more about our committee (suggestions are welcome!), contact Mark Feldman at 626-1694 (days).

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Members of the Newsletter Committee are Larry Chandler, Howard (Chad) Cohen, Catherine G. Nelson (chair), Charles Norton and Rodger Pitcairn.

Sha'ar Zahav Plans Trip to Middle East

Rabbi Allen B. Bennett will pursue the possibility of leading members of Sha'ar Zahav and their friends on a tour of Israel and Egypt late this fall. The trip will cover these two countries in considerable depth, and may include an optional stopover in Europe on the way back to the States.

Under the auspices of the American Jewish Congress, the trip will be constituted entirely of our members and friends, and will be tailored to our interests and needs. Special guides will be available for our trip, and special places of interest not always included on "regular" trips are being added for our group.

Members and friends of the congregation interested in learning more about the trip are invited to a program to be held at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street, on March 9th at 7:30 p.m. While this program will not address our particular trip, it will be presented by AJCongress' travel director, Betty Weir Alderson, who is handling our trip, and will give people some insight into what kinds of special attention we can expect on this inaugural Sha'ar Zahav expedition to the Middle East.

For further information, please call Rabbi Bennett at 621-2871 during office hours.

Va'ad Report

February's Va'ad meeting received a report from congregational member Ron Lezell, CPA, that a "mini-audit" conducted by him of the congregation's financial books indicated everything to be in good shape. The Va'ad expressed its desire to begin reporting in the Newsletter highlights of congregational expenditures and income.

Bikur Cholim announced plans to make Purim visitations to elderly Jews in area convalescent homes. In addition, Jewish Family and Children's Services has commended the congregation on our active participation in outreach programs to the elderly.

A second New Members Tea is planned for March 21 at the home of Allan Gold and Paul Cohen. Newer members of the congregation will be personally invited to this event, which introduces them to each other, the congregation's leadership and our program of activities.

Plans were reviewed for religious services to be held at the home of Walt Leiss on the Russian River on Friday, March 12. Services in Sacramento will be held the following week—March 19—at Temple B'nai Israel. Rabbi Bennett will officiate at both locations.

Copies of our By-Laws will be made available to interested members at the reception table before Shabbat services.

A Long Range Planning Committee is being set up with Bruce Katz as Chair. Members interested in participating should call the Synagogue office.

A request by the New Jewish Agenda and Berkeley Hillel, the sponsors of the one day conference, *Choose Life: Jews and Nuclear Weapons*, for co-sponsorship and financial support was rejected because a majority of Va'ad members felt we should not become embroiled in the political overtones involved.

From Where I Stand

We find ourselves living in a time of ongoing depression. If the economy is not in a depression, then most of our citizens are. If we are not enslaved by an individual tyrant, we are hounded by circumstances which seem tyrannical in their own right. Money is tight, luxury gets redefined every day, and we seem to be under increasing stress constantly as we try to find ways of coping with the gradual worsening of conditions.

Perhaps it would seem strange, then, to find ourselves on the verge of observing one of Judaism's most joyous holidays, a holiday so raucous that we are told to get so drunk that we cannot tell the difference between the command "bless Mordecai" and "curse Haman." The *raison d'être* of the holiday may leave a little to the historical imagination, but the message comes through loud and clear: freedom to be who we are is worth the greatest risk. We find in the Purim story the willingness of Vashti, Esther, and Mordecai to refuse to follow the law to the letter, since the law violated certain principles of each of them. Each risked life and limb for the sake of principle.

We find that today our principles often are challenged by those in power, or those who would seek or seize power, and would deny us the right to be who we are. While Judaism does not encourage martyrdom, we find that it is considered especially meritorious for one to defend one's principles to the death. When we meet serious challenges to the principles of freedom-with-responsibility on which our faith is based, even from the ultra-right-wing Jews in our midst, we should remember the examples of Esther, Mordecai, and Vashti, who stood their ground and were vindicated in the end. May their courage be an inspiration for all of us.

—Rabbi Allen B. Bennett

Purim Traditions

The Scroll of Esther relates that after the Jews of Persia were saved from destruction, they celebrated with gladness and feasting, and by "sending portions to one another and gifts to the poor." Based on this verse, the rabbis legislated that on Purim one must send at least two "portions" of delicacies, *e.g.*, baked goods, candies, wine or liquor, to friends, and give a present of money to at least two poor people. The "sending of portions" is known by the Hebrew term *mishlo'ah manot*, which has been changed by popular usage into *sh'lachmoness*. The law is that these gifts should not be handed over personally but by a messenger, thus fulfilling the term "sending."

Although every Jewish holiday was an occasion for giving *tsedakah* (charity), special collections were made at Purim to provide dowries for poor brides and to ransom Jewish captives. As early as the days of the Mishnah, a collection was made to provide the needy with funds so that they could enjoy a Purim *se'udah* (meal).

It is in that same spirit that we are asking those who join us for our Purim observance to bring non-perishable food items (preferably canned food) which can be distributed to the needy in our city. We are making arrangements with both Jewish and non-Jewish agencies to receive what we collect and to distribute the goods to those who can best use them. One need not make a great sacrifice, but bringing something for someone you've never met, who will not know where the charity came from, is the highest form of giving. We look forward to collecting much for those in need.

Women's Havurah Next Event!

Fitness for Living: Through a series of gentle movements, learn how to relieve low back pain, headaches, knee and hip problems as well as other chronic stress symptoms. Learn, too, how to get the most out of running, racquetball and other aerobic exercises, while you protect your joints from further compression. Special attention will be given to individual problems such as pot bellies, exercise machine questions and sports injuries. Workshop taught by Meg M. Stern.

Sunday, March 21

5:00 p.m. program (free); 6:30 p.m. dinner (\$5)

Noble Pies Restaurant, 4301 24th St., San Francisco

Reservations must be received by Monday, March 15. Return form (and check for \$5 per woman for dinner) to: Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco 94114.

I/we will join the Women's Havurah on Sunday, March 21 for:

☐ Program ☐ Dinner ☐ Both Program and Dinner

☐ My/our check for \$5 per dinner is enclosed.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

Educational Conference Planned

While the acceptance in December of the Congregation into the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, it is especially timely that the Jewish community of the Bay Area take a look at its gay and lesbian population to gain a better understanding of who we are and what our role is within the larger Jewish community. Sha'ar Zahav plans to conduct a one-day educational conference for the Jewish professional/service network on "The Homosexual Jew." This conference will be oriented towards synagogue staffs, including rabbis, cantors, administrators, educators, Jewish organization staffs, counselors in Jewish agencies, sisterhood and men's club officers, etc.

The purpose of the conference is twofold: (1) To begin to address some of the questions which the Jewish community has about the gay and lesbian population, such as "What is homosexuality? What sorts of lives do gay men and lesbians lead? Can homosexuals be practicing Jews?" (2) To assist the participating organizations and individuals in working with, responding to, and understanding homosexuality as they encounter it in their own settings. For example, "What particular considerations should counselors appreciate in working with Jewish gay/lesbian clients at the Jewish Family Service agencies?"

A coordinating committee is being formed to plan and execute this conference. People interested in contributing to this first-of-a-kind effort are asked to contact Aaron Cooper, 549-0505, and indicate what particular interest and talents you will bring to this event.

Music Chug

The Music Chug, whose goal is to find ways to enrich our services and celebrations, is an informal group of ten members with room for more. Thus far, it has prepared music for the Channukah service, and is gradually adding more music to Friday evening services. The next major project will be music for the annual Congregational Seder in April.

The Chug is open to anyone with an interest in improving the musical life of the congregation. "We like to think of the Chug as a clearing house for musical activities. We can't do everything, but if you would like to see something happen, *get involved!*"

Contact Scott Chase at 768-6779 (days) or 863-1998 (evenings) if you are interested.

Super Sunday a Success

Several Sha'ar Zahavniks participated with some 500 other volunteers in the Jewish Community Federation "Super Sunday" on January 31. The event was billed by the Federation as the "largest one-day fundraising event in the history of the Jewish Community." Our members helped staff phone banks, making calls to ask for pledges for the 1982 campaign.

It is important for Sha'ar Zahav to continue our annual participation, along with all other congregations in the area, in fundraising for the whole community. Our presence is yet another bridge to the non-gay Jewish community.

The Jewish Community Federation is the central social planning and fundraising organization for the Jewish community of San Francisco, Marin and the Peninsula. Funds raised support many non-profit Jewish organizations, locally and nationally, and a significant portion goes for overseas and Israeli causes.

Robert Tat was Sha'ar Zahav's Super Sunday coordinator.

A Night in Old Milwaukee

Makes you think of beer? Wrong—how about *Bowling!*? So, join us on Saturday, March 20 at 7 p.m. for A Night in Old Milwaukee at the Japantown Bowl, Post and Webster Streets, San Francisco.

Prizes will be presented to winners of our various categories, including Smoothest Swing, Gutter Roller, Lowest Scorer and more.

The approximate cost is \$6 (@\$1.60 per game, shoe rental of 75¢ etc.). Your \$3 deposit will be applied to the cost of the games. Reservations *must* be received by March 17.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
P.O. Box 5640
San Francisco, CA 94101

Enclosed is my check for \$_____, for _____ reservations @ \$3 each for A Night in Old Milwaukee

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

Guest(s) Name(s) _____

Health Fair '82 Slated For 75 Sites April 17 to 25

More than 75 Health Fairs will open their doors to the public the week of April 17-25 in ten Bay Area counties. Free health screenings, education, counseling and referrals will be provided to participants 18 years of age and older.

Each Health Fair '82 site will provide free screenings for vision, anemia, blood pressure, height and weight. Many sites will also screen for hearing, glaucoma, oral cancer and podiatric problems. Some will provide breast exams and free pap smears. An optional blood chemistry work-up, which screens for diabetes, kidney and liver disease, gout, cholesterol, triglycerides, iron and more, will be offered for a nominal fee of \$8.

The Bay Area project is part of a national Health Fair campaign encompassing 60 major metropolitan areas this year. More information on the Health Fair may be obtained by calling the Health Fair office at (415) 861-5222. After March 29, specific site information will be available via a toll-free Health Fair hot line: (800) 652-1279.

Letters, We Get Letters . . .

We received a copy of the letter that Robert Basker wrote to Dick Nolan of the *San Francisco Examiner* in response to Nolan's recent column on the Jewish National Fund's campaign to raise money to replant forests destroyed in P.L.O. attacks. We reprint part of Basker's letter here:

... I used to take my little "pushke" down the subway aisles with the little blue flower for donors. . . Coincidentally, I just finished reading the column on page 1 of the *Jewish Daily Forward*. Words don't often fail me, but they do now, when I read that the JNF in Israel has repeatedly refused to accept acknowledged contributions for trees from gay and lesbian Jews. I have always been gay. No one had to recruit me into what is for me a very natural orientation. For the victims of bigotry and the holocaust to perpetuate this type of chauvinism upon others (I lost about sixty immediate members of my family—uncles, aunts, cousins, etc.) is, to say the least, incredible.

Perhaps, as in biblical times, as Moses led the Jewish people in circles around the desert, the older generation will have to die off for the emancipation of the new generation.

We think that words didn't fail Bob this time, either.

—Newsletter Committee



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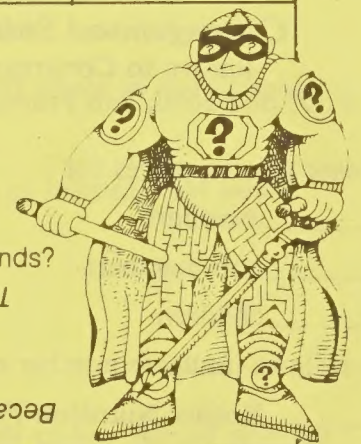
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7 Passover Cooking Class (see article) 621-2871 ז	8 Ta'anit Esther Sha'ar Zahav Purim Service and Party ח	9 Purim AJCongress Travel Program Meeting 7:30 p.m. (see article) ט	10 Shushan Purim Newsletter Deadline 621-0628 י	11 יא	12 Rabbi Bennett conducts services in Russian River area (see article) יב
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19 Women's Havurah (see article) New Members Tea (see Va'ad Reports) יט	20 Deadline for reservations for April 7 family-style seders (see article) כ	21 כא	22 כב	23 כג	24 Rosh Hodesh Nisan Newsletter Stuffing 621-0628 כד
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How do you make a hamantasch for an elephant?
First you get a big prune.

What has six corners and weights 1000 pounds?
Two 500 pound hamantaschen.

What letter is never in the alphabet?
The letter sent by Mordecai to all the Jews of Persia.

Why is a book like King Ahasuerus?
Because they both have pages.



Friday, March 5
10 Adar
Shabbat Zakhor
Torah Tetzavveh Exodus 27:20-30:10
Special Reading: Deuteronomy 25:17-19
Haftorah I Samuel 15:2-24
Bernard Pechter, Services

Monday, March 8
13 Adar
Purim Service and Party
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Room 6, SFJCC

Friday, March 12
17 Adar
Shabbat Parah
Torah Ki-Tissa Exodus 30:11-34:35
Special Reading: Numbers 19:1-22
Haftorah Ezekiel 36:16-38
Laurie Rodovsky, Services
Michael Freedland, Sermon

Friday, March 19
24 Adar
Shabbat ha-Hodesh
Torah Va-Vakhel-Pekudei Exodus 35:1-40:38
Special Reading: Exodus 12:1-20
Haftorah Ezekiel 45:16-46:18
Daniel Chesir, Services
Irene Ogus, Sermon

Friday, March 26
2 Nissan
Torah Va-Yikra Leviticus 1:1-5:26
Haftorah Isaiah 43:21-44:23
Rabbi Allen B. Bennett, Services

Everyone is welcome to join us for Shabbat services each Friday at 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street (at Presidio), San Francisco.

Do a Mitzvah!

A rewarding experience, open to all of our CSZ family, is sharing our sense of *mishpachah* with others. And on Sunday afternoon, March 14, that's exactly what you'll find other Sha'ar Zahavniks doing as we visit elderly Jews in convalescent homes around the Bay Area. Purim provides us an excellent opportunity for establishing contact with sisters and brothers who are largely isolated from the Jewish community. After our visits, we will gather in a restaurant for coffee and conversation. The Bikur Cholim Committee is coordinating the day's activities; contact Michael Freedland at 436-6692 for information.

Sha'ar Zahav Cooks Up Passover Plans

Sha'ar Zahav's Congregational Seder will be held on Thursday, April 8 (the second night of Passover). Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the celebration will take place at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn at Van Ness and Pine, the site of last year's seder enjoyed by more than 150 members and friends. Meals prepared under rabbinical supervision will be available from the Kosher Nutrition Project.

Be sure to make your reservations early; the deadline for ticket sales is Thursday, April 1. Ticket prices are \$21 for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$15 for children. To reserve your seat, complete and return the form below. Confirmation of reservations will be mailed to you. Some financial subsidies are available; contact Rabbi Bennett for more information.

The seder is an ideal way to introduce friends and family to our congregation—bring along some guests or potential new members!

Congregational Seder Reservation Form

Return to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101, by April 1

Please reserve places for

_____ members
_____ non-members
_____ children

as follows (indicate number of each):

_____ Kosher Nutrition Project meals
_____ Kosher-style meals
_____ Vegetarian meals

☐ My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Please charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature

Mail confirmation of reservations to:

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Telephone _____

Opportunities

The New Jewish Agenda is sponsoring a Purim Celebration. This is a benefit for Agenda's campaign on behalf of Jewish and political prisoners in Argentina. Jewish and Latin music and dancing will feature Linda Hirschhorn, Carlos Ruda, Venceremos and the Ellis Island Band. There will be a children's program, so bring your kids in costumes. Hamantaschen and empanados, wine and beverages will be sold. Sunday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Women's Building, 4543 18th Street, San Francisco. Sliding scale admission, \$3 to \$6; children under 12 free. For more information, call Phylece Snyder at 221-3333.

Brochures about Camp Swig's summer programs for children who will enter grades 4 through 12 next fall are now available from our synagogue office, 621-2871. Programs for various ages include ecology projects, Hebrew language, drama, dance, visual arts, leadership skills, athletics, and more. Camp Swig, located in the Santa Cruz Mountains, is a member in good standing of the American Camping Association. If you would like more information, call Rabbi Bennett.

The Seventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will take place over the July 4th weekend in Los Angeles. Congregation Beth Chayim Chadashim is planning a balanced program of activities and thought-provoking workshops. The site this year is the Sheraton-Universal Hotel. For further information and a registration packet, write to Seventh International Conference, P.O. Box 35771, Los Angeles, CA 90035. The *Forward* will publish more details as they are available.

The Seventh Annual "Day in the Park for Women's Rights" takes place on Saturday, March 6 from noon until 4:00 p.m. at the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Sponsored by Bay Area chapters of the National Organization for Women, the day's events include entertainment, speakers, information booths of community organizations, food, crafts, books, and more. Call 386-4232 for more information.

The Jewish Arts Community of the Bay (J.A.C.O.B.) and the Jewish Community Library are planning an afternoon of Jewish music for Sunday, March 14. Musicians and composers are invited to contact Nanette Stahl, 751-6983 (days) to offer their participation. The rest of us, those who just like music, are invited to attend at the Jewish Community Library, 14th Avenue and Balboa, San Francisco, at 2 p.m.

"Being Gay or Lesbian in the Jewish Community" will be the theme of a panel discussion on Wednesday, March 16 at the Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Allen B. Bennett; Bernice Becker, mother of three gay children; Susan Efros, a widely read author; and Steve Isaacson, a father whose wife is also gay, will be the panelists. Audience participation will be encouraged. Becker is the co-founder of Parents and Friends of Gays. Efros is the author of a novel about Berkeley, *Walking Vanilla*, and of three books of poetry. Isaacson and his wife have developed unusual living arrangements to care for their children and their own needs. Fees: \$2 members, \$3 non-members. For information, call 848-0237.

Family Seders

In addition to the Congregational Seder, small family style seders are being organized in members' and friends' homes. These Family Seders proved to be a success last year and will be held on the first night of Pesach, Wednesday, April 7.

For those whose families may not be in the Bay Area, this will be an opportunity to celebrate Pesach with members of Sha'ar Zahav's extended family. Seder groups of from 4 to 10 people are planned. All those attending a seder are expected to share in various aspects of the seder preparation and costs, and are encouraged to fully participate in the seder celebration.

If you would like to go to or host a Family Seder, fill out and mail the Family Seder Form (included in this issue of the *Gaily Forward*) to Pete Tannen, Family Seder Coordinator. This form *must* be received by Monday, March 22, to allow time for seder group coordination and food planning. Please consider being a seder host, if possible, as last year we had a shortage of homes in which to have seders. The main responsibility of the host is providing a home in which to have the seder—the guests share in the food preparation responsibilities.

—Pete Tannen

SHA'AR ZAHAV FAMILY SEDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phones (home) _____ Work _____

If you want to attend with another person, write his or her name here and send both forms together:

Participation:

Check *all* items you would *consider* doing. Seder groups will be arranged so that *all will share* in the preparation.

- ☐ 1. Provide home in which to have a seder. (Please consider this. We had a shortage of homes last year.)
Number you can accommodate (including yourself) _____
- ☐ 2. Cook seder dinner (food and other costs to be shared by all participants).
- ☐ 3. Provide part of seder dinner or wine.
- ☐ 4. Provide ritual items and food (Maror, haroset, horseradish, seder plate, matzoh cover, small gift for Afikoman finder, etc. Please underline items).
- ☐ 5. Lead service.
- ☐ 6. Call others in your seder group and be responsible for coordinating the seder preparation.

Type of seder: ☐ Traditional service ☐ Short, informal service

Other considerations: Kosher or vegetarian meal required; allergies to smoke or pets; have pets in your home.

Compatible seder groups will be arranged, to the extent possible, based on the responses to this form.

MAIL TO: Family Seder Groups
c/o Pete Tannen
289 States St.
San Francisco, CA 94114

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Pre-Passover Cooking Classes

We are offering two pre-Passover cooking classes during March. The first will be taught by Danny Kent, a member of our Oneg Committee, and will emphasize foods for the Seder (non-vegetarian) as well as how to observe Passover outside the home during the holiday. The class will be offered on Sunday, March 7, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Space is limited, so advance reservations will be necessary.

The second class will take place on Sunday, March 21, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and will emphasize the vegetarian foods which may be prepared for Passover, as well as the hows and whys of their preparation. Steven Fritsch Rudser will teach this class. Space is also limited in this class, since students will have the opportunity to prepare foods during the class. Pre-registration will be necessary for this class as well.

The cost is \$5 per class for members and \$7.50 per class for non-members. To pre-register for either class, or for information about them, please phone the synagogue office at 621-2871 during office hours.

The Joys of Yiddish

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1	Jack William Happ, father of Larry Happ
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31	(8 Nisan) Max Pechter, father of Bernard Pechter

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The congregation expresses its condolences to Glenn Friedman on the loss of his aunt, Minnie Strob- ing, and to Catherine G. Nelson, on the loss of her un- cle, Joseph Mogis.



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